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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Application No. 09/350,401; Filed: July 8, 1999
For: **Inducing Cellular Immune Responses to Hepatitis B Virus Using
Peptide and Nucleic Acid Compositions**
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal;
2. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) in the amount of \$930.00 to cover the cost of a three-month extension, less \$120.00 previously paid;
3. Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) in the amount of \$1,740.00 to cover:

\$810.00 - RCE fee; and
\$930.00 - EOT fee;
4. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114; and
5. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier.

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In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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Respectfully submitted,

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